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1. From January to August 1952, the 684 Officers Training Regiment, which was attached to the North Korean army general headquarters, was in caves at approximately 125-50, 39-48 (YE-421082), and civilian houses at YE-413082. About 7,000 prisoners of war from the Republic of Korea 22 Brigade had been interned in this area until January 1952, when they transferred to railroad reconstruction teams. The 684 Regiment was training about 3,000 officers who had been sent by various North Korean army corps because they had full complements of staff personnel. On completion of the training, the officers were discharged or re-employed by government organizations in the rear areas.¹
2. From 5 to 11 September, 400 cadets were taking a refresher course for higher members of the North Korean Labor Party in eight air-raid shelters at approximately 125-42, 38-43 (YC-358881). On completion of this course, the students were to be appointed as chiefs of county people's committees, county labor parties, or county police stations.
3. From 5 to 11 September about 2,000 North Korean army officers were taking a refresher course in civilian houses in Yongsan-dong (125-41, 39-52) (YE-2916). They had been discharged from army hospitals, and on the completion of the course they were to be sent back to the front lines as replacements.

1. [REDACTED] Comment. Possibly the 684 Regiment was not a military training regiment but one for administrative training of officers to prepare them for civilian government jobs.

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